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Waste Management Projects
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated any guidelines or creates any other platform which could help or encourage Gram Panchayats to generate income from waste management projects;
(b) if so, the details thereof including financial support, if any, given by the Union Government for the purpose;
(c) whether the Union Government has conducted any evaluation of the existing waste management projects of Panchayats including income generating waste management projects of Panchayats in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Union Government proposes to replicate successful models in other parts of the country; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) and (b): No, Madam. Under the Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) award, grants to the tune of Rs.2,00,292.20 crore for the period 2015-2020 are being devolved to Gram Panchayats (GPs) in 25 States constituted under Part IX of the Constitution and Jammu and Kashmir. The grant is provided to GPs for delivering basic services including sewerage and solid waste management. Further, funds are also being provided to the GPs under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) launched on 2nd October, 2014 to undertake waste management projects as per the local needs. Such projects can also be converged with other schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, etc.

(c) : No formal evaluation of waste management projects has been conducted by the Union Government. However, good practices of States including Tamil Nadu have been shared with other States through field visits and in various forums.

(d) and (e): Yes, Madam. Successful models are regularly shared by other States and Union Territories for replication and cross learning.

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